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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, CASC, LA

SUBJ: ROD NORBERG AND PROPOSED VISIT BY MIA FAMILY

REPRESENTATIVES

REF: STATE 044138

1. WE APPRECIATE MRS. SHERIDAN'S AND DEPARTMENT'S FORE-WARNING OF NORBERG VISIT. WE SHARE MRS. SHERIDAN'S DISTRESS AT THE PROSPECT AND REGRET PARTICULARLY THAT NORBERG'S TRIP IS APPARENTLY BEING FINANCED BY MIA FAMILIES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN WHOM HE MAY HAVE AROUSED FALSE HOPES. DESPITE NORBERG'S PAST CONDUCT, HOWEVER, WE WILL LISTEN TO WHATEVER HE MAY HAVE TO SAY.

2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, WE BELIEVE VISIT BY MRS. SHERIDAN AND YOUTH GROUP LAST JULY USEFUL IN DEMONSTRATING TO BOTH SIDES OF THE PGNU THE CONCERN OF AMERICAN YOUTH FOR U.S. PERSONNEL STILL MISSING IN ACTION (MIA). WHILE VISIT  
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BY MRS. SHERIDAN AND MIA FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES COULD

HAVE COMPARABLE RESULTS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT APRIL IS MOST PROPITIOUS TIME FOR SUCH A VISIT. OFFICIAL LAO NEW YEAR IS APRIL 14-16. WE EXPECT ALL LAO, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LPF REPRESENTATIVES, WILL DEVOTE SUBSTANTIAL PART OF MONTH (APPROXIMATELY APRIL 10-21) TO CELEBRATION.

3. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE MRS. SHERIDAN THAT LATER DATE MIGHT BE PREFERABLE.

4. IN ADDITION, RECALLING DISAPPOINTMENT OF MIA RELATIVES WHO VISITED VIENTIANE LAST FALL WITH THE UNCLASSIFIED JCRC FILES THEY INSPECTED HERE, WE URGE DEPARTMENT AND SERVICES MAKE CLEAR TO MRS. SHERIDAN AND OTHER PROSPECTIVE TRAVELERS THAT NO DETAILED FILES ARE AVAILABLE IN VIENTIANE; THAT JCRC FILES ARE LIMITED IN COMPARISON WITH THOSE AVAILABLE IN U.S.; AND THAT THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS TO JCRC DATA.

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